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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE VISA POLICY

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1. AS RESULT OF MOST RECENT REFUSAL REPORTED REFEL B, WE ARE NOW AT POINT WHERE MORE THAN HALF OF THE OFFICERS (STATE AND AID) AT THIS MISSION DO NOT RPT NOT POSSESS VISAS FOR SENEGAL. IN RACT, THE TREND IN RECENT WEEKS HAS BEEN TOWARD AUTOMATIC REFUSAL OF ALL APPLICATIONS FOR 90-DAY MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS. IF THIS TREND CONTINUES, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO SEND PERSONNEL ON COURIER RUNS OR ROUTINE SHORT NOTICE TRIPS TO SENEGAL WHICH, OWNING TO OUR ISOLATION, ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE CONDUCT OF OUR OFFICIAL BUSINESS. NEITHER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER NOR GSO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS SINCE SEPTEMBER. IT NOW TAKES UP TO ONE MONTH TO OBTAIN ANY KIND OF RESPONSE FROM THE SENEGLAESE MFWCONCERNING VISA RQUESTS.

2. THIS IS A FAR CRY FROM THE AGREEMENT EXPLAINED IN REFTEL A  
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AND OTHER DAKAR COMMUNICATIONS WHICH STATED THAT THE GOS QUOTE... MAY CONTINUE TO MAKE TOKEN REFUSAL TO US OFFICIALS END QUOTE AND THAT QUOTE NEW POLICY (MAY) TURN OUT TO BE TEMPORARY IN NATURE AND MAY WELL BE DISCARDED...END QUOTE. IN OUR VIEW, SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED IN THE SIX MONTHS SINCE NEW POLICY WAS ANNOUNCED TO A POINT WHERE THE USG SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS CON- SIDERATION TO TAKING RECIPROCAL ACTION AGAINST SENEGALSES DIPLOMATS

IN THE US. GIVEN THE OSTENSIBLE CLOSE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WE ENJOY WITH THE GOS, TO SAY NOTHING OF OUR SIZABLE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, WE FEEL THAT THE GOS CANNOT JUSTIFY A POLICY IN WHICH AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AT NEIGHBORING POSTS ARE SERIOUSLY DISADVANTAGED MERELY BECAUSE THE GOS WISHES TO CONTROL TRAVEL OF SOVIET PLOMATS BUT AT THE SAME TIME DOES NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THEM. US AND USSR APPEAR TO BE THE ONLY GOVERNMENTS AGAINST WHICH GOS REFUSAL POLICY IS BEING APPLIED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMS US THAT HIS PERSONNEL HAVE NO PROBLEMS WHATSOEVER. DIPLOMATS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE EEC DO NOT REQUIRE SENEGALESE VISAS.

3. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS REQUESTING CHANGE IN USUALLY TRAVELED ROUTE BETWEEN NOUAKCHOTT AND CONUS TO PERMIT OFICIAL TRAVEL VIA CASABLANCA RATHER THAN DAKAR UNTIL SENEGALESE VISA PROBLEM IS RESOLVED.

4. FOR DAKAR: WE DEFER TO YR GOOD JUDGEMENT BUT IN OUR VIEW STRONG FORMAL PROTEST IS INDICATED.

5. FOR SECSTATE: WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON WHETHER OR NOT RECIPROCAL ACTION AGAINST SENEGALESE DIPLOMATS IS EITHER FEASIBLE OR PRACTICAL.

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